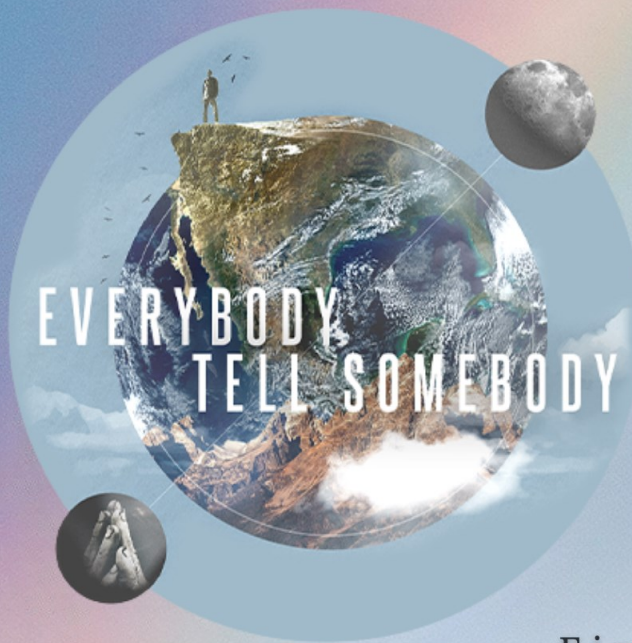


WEEK 4

THE WORLD NEEDS THE GOOD NEWS JOHN 3:11-20



August 24, 2025

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**First United
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Our Vision

To be a central hub of Christian
ministry in Lancaster County & beyond

Our Mission:

Connect people to Jesus Christ
& the church, grow Christian disciples,
& relieve suffering

**August 24, 2025
8:15 & 10:45 AM**

Prelude "Gracious Savior, Dwell With Me" (arr. Edward H. Wetherill)
"Sweet Hour of Prayer" (arr. Gordon Young)
Allen Popjoy, organ

Announcements & Greeting

*Call to Worship

Leader: Today, we acknowledge that we need *good news*.

People: We need the hope of the Gospel, which is for us all and free to all.

Leader: Sometimes we need to be reminded that we need the Gospel, just like everyone else.

People: We all need God's love and grace.

Leader: Today, let us take a deeper look at the needs of the world and look for ways to share this
good news with others.

All: Amen.

*Hymn No. 98 "To God Be the Glory"

Common Prayer

**God of the world, through Jesus Christ, you reached out to humanity to bring salvation and
abundant life. Help us to love as you love, so that all creation may live in the fullness of that
kind of love.**

**Beloved Jesus, help us to resist the temptation to judge and condemn others, because in
doing so, we demean your infinite grace. Shine through us to remove all darkness from the
earth and strengthen us when we feel like the world is ending. Spirit of God, baptize us with
the abundance of your love and power, to transform the world with your light. In the name of
Jesus, Amen.**

Scripture Colossians 4:2, 5-6 (pew Bible, NT, p. 190)

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

(10:45 AM) Anthem "Tell the World That Jesus Loves You" (M. Card & R. Scruggs)
Jeff Guy, Claire Guy, Charlotte Guy

Blessing on the School Year Faith Kickery, Pastor Laura & Pastor Jason

(8:15 AM) Anthem "Tell the World That Jesus Loves You" (M. Card & R. Scruggs)
Jeff Guy, Claire Guy, Charlotte Guy

(10:45 AM) Anthem

"Blessing Riddle"
Summer Choir– Brian Norcross, Director

(Pepper Choplin)

Preparation for Prayer, No. 522 "Leave It There" (refrain)

Leave it there, leave it there, take your burden to the Lord and leave it there. If you trust and never doubt, he will surely bring you out, take your burden to the Lord and leave it there.

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Jason Ríos

(10:45 AM) The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

** * Children ages 3-5th grade are dismissed to Jr. Church * **

*Hymn No.188

"Christ Is the World's Light"

Scripture

John 3: 11-20

(*pew Bible, NT, p. 88*)

Message

Worship Series "Everybody Tell Somebody"
Week 4: "The World Needs the Good News"

Pastor Laura Sambrick

*Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

Hymnal, No. 881

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Song of Praise, No. 177

"He Is Lord"

He is Lord, he is Lord! He is risen from the dead and he is Lord! Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

8:15 AM ONLY

Invitation to The Lord's Supper

Confession and Pardon

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(All pray in silence.)

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

8:15 AM ONLY (continued)

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sharing the Sacrament

Congregational Prayer (8:15 seated, 10:45 remain standing)

God, you loved this world so much that you sent your own son, Jesus Christ to live and die among us, in order that we might have life. Forgive us for keeping that abundant life to ourselves, for jealously hoarding your generous gifts, for choosing self-interest over compassion and justice. Teach us what it means to live as children of the light, generously sharing your abundance with our brothers and sisters in need. Amen.

*Hymn No. 364

"Because He Lives"

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Response, No. 364

"Because He Lives" (refrain)

Because he lives, I can face tomorrow; because he lives, all fear is gone; because I know he holds the future, and life is worth the living just because he lives.

Postlude

"Gaudeamus in Musica"
Allen Popjoy, organ

(John Dixon)

Please recycle your bulletins in the marked bins. Thank you!

8:15 AM Worship

Usher Chief - Barbara Hill
Acolyte - Jeff Bradley
Liturgist - Nancy Bradley
Sound Tech - Amayah DiBiasi
Pastors- Jason Rios & Laura Sambrick
Ministers- First Church Congregation

10:45 AM Worship

Usher Chief - David & Lois Greene
Acolyte - Rachel Ridgeway
Liturgist - Carolyn Darrenkamp
Sound Tech - Amayah DiBiasi
Pastors- Jason Rios & Laura Sambrick
Ministers- First Church Congregation

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**This month's
mission focus:
"LIFECYCLES"**

Choose
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down menu

BREAKFAST LOVERS... will you help at our upcoming **Pancake Breakfast** on Sun, Sept 7th? We have opportunities for greeters, servers, and pancake cookers, and you'll have plenty of time to enjoy a great breakfast too! [Use this link](#) to let us know how you would like to be involved. Thank you!

THERE'S STILL TIME TO GIVE YOUR OLD SNEAKERS A NEW LIFE! Through the end of this month, you may donate your used athletic shoes (sports, exercise, running or walking shoes) to church to our Youth Group's Sneaker Recycling Drive! Collection spots are available on Sundays and throughout the week. Our Youth Group & Green Team will deliver all the shoes to the Nike Outlet, where they will be ground up to make new products. Thank you for recycling!

**** NEW FALL ART CLASS STARTS IN SEPTEMBER! ****
"Learning to Draw, Learning to See"
every other Wednesday beginning 9/24, 6-7PM

Mark making is a human activity that helps us communicate and express ourselves visually. This learning experience will explore helpful mindsets and practical approaches to grow your own, independent preferences and approaches to leaving personal marks. All ages and ability levels are encouraged to attend (those younger than 12 must bring an adult). Supplies provided (unless you choose to work in a unique medium) and sketch-books available for purchase. Contact Brian Lehman to register (brianslehman@gmail.com)



WEST DISTRICT DAY AT GRETNA GLEN- Sat, Sept 6th 10:30AM-3PM

A time for all members of UM Churches to gather for fellowship & fun! Worship at 10:30 AM, followed by lunch and then a host of camp activities - games, boating, music, or time just to sit and visit! There is no cost, but donations are asked for Gretna Glen Ministries. This day is for all ages! [USE THIS LINK](#) to register before September 1st!

THIS MONTH'S MISSION FOCUS IS "LIFECYCLES" The mission of LIFECYCLES is to build young men and women of character in a Christ-centered bicycle touring adventure experience for teens. Trained volunteers from different walks of life help teen age boys and girls in challenging environments to dream and to achieve their goals with respect, dignity, and encouragement. Emphasis is placed on completing school and entering either the work force, a trade school, or college. Church, youth ministry activities, and community service are integral to the LIFECYCLES experience, as our goal to develop life skills, teamwork, leadership, followership, hope, and optimism. www.lifecyclesteam.org

To support LIFECYCLES, make checks payable to "First UMC" with "Life Cycles" in the memo line or by using the "donate here" link. Please select "Life Cycles" from the drop down menu. Thank you!

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BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY

8:15, 9:30 & 10:45 AM

Flapjacks & Friends—Free Pancake Breakfast!

9:00 - 11 AM, Fellowship Hall

- Featuring a pancake breakfast, Sunday School for all ages, a new sermon series, and a welcoming atmosphere for everyone.

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Taizé PRAYER SERVICE

6 PM (4th Saturday of the month)

- A time of simple songs, Scripture, and silence open to all to help you rest in God's presence.

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CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday, 1:00 PM - Long's Park, Pavilion #3

- Great food, fun games, and relaxed fellowship! A perfect way to deepen friendships and meet new people. Bring a friend!

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For more info and to sign up go to engagegodfirst.org/events